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Amendments to the Abstract:

On page 46, please cancel the previous abstract and replace it with the following new abstract which has been substantially rewritten and therefore is presented without markings:

Friction control articles for use in healthcare applications, the articles generally comprising a backing layer having a first surface and a second surface, where projecting from the first surface of the backing layer is an array of stems, wherein at least a portion of the exterior surface of the stems comprises an elastomeric material. Also disclosed are friction control articles having a coefficient of friction when dry along at least a portion of the first surface of at least 0.6. Multilayered and dual-sided friction control articles are also provided.